4. साहित्य कर्मियों के लिए एक राष्ट्रीय कोष की स्थापना की जाय जिससे उनकी रचनाओं को प्रकाशित कराने तथा उन्हें आवश्यक आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान करने की व्यवस्था हो सके ।

5. राजधानी तथा देश के सभी नगरों में लेखकों के लिए एक सार्वजनिक केन्द्र की स्थापना की जाय । जहां वे मिल कर साहित्यक चर्चा कर सकें ।

मैं आशा करती हूं कि उपरोक्त मुद्दों पर विचार करते हुए भारत सरकार इस दिशा में सार्थक कदम उठायेगी । जिससे इन महान साहित्यिक विभूतियों के प्रति अपनी कृतज्ञता सार्थक रूप में व्यक्त कर सकें ।

ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैं भी इसका समर्थन करता हूं ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, your name will be associated.

Treatment meted out to Writers assigned by Government Institutions to Write for Specific Projects

श्रीमती अमृता प्रीतम (नाम-निर्देशित): मैडम, डिप्टी चेयरमैन, सरकारी संस्थाएं किसी प्रोजेक्ट को लेकर जब अदीबों से कांट्रेक्ट करती हैं तो एक तारीख मुकर्रर की जाती है —डैड लाइन डेट । लेकिन फिर अदीबों की मेहनत दफ्तरों की फाइलों में न जाने कितने सालों पड़ी रहती है । चाहती हूं ऐसे एकतरफा कानून की ओर तवज्जो दी जाए और जिस काम का अरसा काम करने वालों के लिए मुकर्रर किया जाता है उसे इम्पलीमेंट करने का कोई अरसा क्यों नहीं मुकर्रर किया जाता । कई बार ऐसा होता है कि प्रोजेक्ट बदल दिया जाता है या कई सालों के लिए मुलतवी हो जाता है और अदीबों को उसकी कोई उजरत नहीं दी जाती । इन दिनों एनसीईआरटी ने कितने ही साहित्यकारों को स्क्रिप्ट्स लौटा दिये हैं या लौटाये जा रहे है । लिखकर नहीं दिया जबानी कह दिया कि उनका प्रोजेक्ट मुल्तवी हो गया है । कई बार तो स्क्रिप्ट भी लौटाये नहीं जाते । केन्द्रीय हिन्दी डायरेक्टोरेट से कुछ अदीबों ने सात-सात साल के बाद अपने स्क्रिप्ट्स वापस लिये । ये सब कागजात, हवाले मेरे पास मौजूद हैं जिनकी बुनियाद पर यह मसला उठा रही हूं और चाहती हूं कि इस एक तरफा कानून को दो तरफा कर दिया जाये ।

कुमारी सईदा खातून (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैं भी इसका समर्थन करती हूं ।

श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैं भी इसका समर्थन करती हूं ।

Reported Clearance to Shri Ajitabh Bachchan from FERA Violation Charges

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Madam, the basis of the special mention that I make is a report that an Indian national resident in the country by the name of Shri Ajitabh Bachchan owning vast assets in India plus business worth crores of rupees has been cleared on FERA charges of illegally owning a flat worth around Rs. 70 to 85 lakhs in Switzerland.

Madam, this rule by cronies, of the cronies, only for the cronies has now really crossed all bounds. A Chaddha is recently exonerated, having been charged only with the most trivial of offences. A Lalit Suri eats up roughly Rs. 6-1/2 crores, stashes that money in London for four years and the Government bends over backwards to clear him of all charges. And now we have this report that this long-pending matter about which this House and the other House have often been concerned, has been cleared; this matter of the Bachchan flat in Switzerland has been cleared. Now, I do not know when this was cleared, whether this fact is correct, whether any such action has been taken by the Government of India, and if it

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has been taken why has the Parliament not been informed, or was this action being taken while the holidays in Lakshadweep were being enjoyed with the Bachchans. This is really... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): This is irrelevant.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): He is entitled to know. Is it not a fact that he had a holiday with the Bachchans in Lakshadweep? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: It is your malicious intention which is objectionable and this is what you are always doing. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Indirect aspersions should not be cast.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I referred only to Lakshdweep. There is no aspersion when I mentioned a part of the country.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Subtle type of aspersion. Mr. Jaswant Singh, please confine yourself to the Special Mention. This is not good. (*Interruptions*)

ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह (मध्य प्रदेश): तो केवल इनडायरेक्टली सारी बातें कर रहे हैं।

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Madam, I will continue with whatever I have to say. This is really the most incredible perversion of the agencies of the State and of all the laws of the land. The clarifications that I specially seek, the questions that remain unanswered till date, are : Has actually such a clearance, condonation of the alleged offences been granted by the Directorate of Enforcement and the Ministry of Finance, or, has it not been done? The issue is such that it merits clarification from the Government almost immediately. Secondly, ...

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Madam, this is a Special Mention. Is he addressing the concerned Minister here? In Special Mentions, one does not seek clarifications. (*Interruptions*).

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): It is part of the Special Mention.

(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order please. Mr. Jaswant Singh, you have finished your three minutes.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Madam, I appreciate that it is a very judicious sense of time-keeping. But these three minutes contained interruptions also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would request hon. Members not to interrupt him. I know where to stop him.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): When mudslinging is there, interruptions are bound to be there.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Madam, the second clarification that I seek is, is it correct that the NRI status sought by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan was *ex post facto* and is it normal to grant such *ex post facto* sanctions? Can a NRI, can a non-resident Indian, actually take about 500 dollars under the FTS? Further, can a non-resident Indian own assets in India, bank accounts in India, shares in Indian companies, without prior permission, or, did you grant *ex post facto* sanction for this also?

The NRI status was claimed by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan on the 28th February, 1986, as has been admitted in Parliament and the apartment was purchased on 3rd April, 1986. In thirty days' time, roughly Rs. 85 lakhs have been invested in Switzerland. Where did that money come from? I would like to know, is it corrtct that the Enforcement Directorate has accepted the claim made by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan?

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Madam, as I submitted earlier, Special

Mention is an unique process devised by the Rajya Sabha to enable Members to air their views on any particular emergent matter of national importance. Madam, we have got various other means of bringing certain matters to the notice of the House whether by Calling Attention Motion or Half-an-hour Discussion or asking for a Short Duration Discussion on any particular matter. (*Interruptions*) When the requisite notice is given in the prescribed form the concerned Minister comes to the House and replies to the queries raised by the Members. But in the case of Special Mentions one does not raise questions, one does not seek clarificatons, because there is none present to reply to the clarifications sought. (*Interruptions*)

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: It is for the nation. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order please. Please sit down.

यह स्पेशल मेन्शन के तौर पर एलाऊ किया गया है । ऐसा कोई सवाल उठाया जाता है, तो बाद में मिनिस्ट्री की तरफ से उसका रिप्लाई चला जाता है । इसलिये इसका रिप्लाई भी चला जायेगा ।

SHRI BUTA SINGH: These are being addressed to the Press Gallery.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: MR. Jaswant Singh, please conclude now.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I am concluding. Just half-a-minute.

The other clarification I seek from the hon. Minister is, if Shri Ajitabh Bachchan was denied visa in Switzerland on moral grounds, then, will the hon. Minister explain to me as to how he can claim to be employed by Arco Pharma in Switzerland where he is not now residenet?

Madam, I would like to conclude by saying this. Do not reduce the State to the level of an agency only for cover-ups and only for the convenience of friends. People are now openly saying, they are now openly commenting. How is it and why is it that those that are near and dear to the Prime Minister not only break the law but actually get away with it as well?

श्री शरद यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदया, . . .

उपसभापति : रिकार्ड पर कुछ नहीं जायेगा । आप चेयर की परमीशन के बिना बोल रहे है ।

श्री शरद यादव : जो सदन की परम्परा है . . .

उपसभापति : आप बैठिये ।

श्री शरद यादव : मैं कह रहा हूं कि स्पेशल मेंशन में जो परम्परा है, मैं उनकी भावनाओं का . . .

उपसभापति: प्रमोद जी बोल रहे है । आप बैठिए । आपका रिकार्ड पर नहीं जायेगा ।

श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र) : उपसभापति महोदय, 28 फरवरी, 1986 को अजिताभ बच्चन अचानक अप्रवासी हुए। 10 अप्रैल, को उन्होंने स्वीटजरलैण्ड में 85 लाख का घर खरीद लिया केवल 33 दिनों के अन्दर इतन अमाप सम्पति विदेश में मामूली नौकरी करते हुए संचय करना, गिनीज बुक्स आफ वर्ल्ड रिकार्ड्स को भी आश्चर्यचकित कर देगा । . . (**व्यवधान**) ।

महोदया, मैंने इस संबंध में सदन में दो बार मामला उठाया और तब सरकार की ओर से मेजों की थपथपाहट में यह कहा गया कि हम किसी भी आर्थिक गुनाहगार को किसी भी हालत में क्षमा नहीं करेंगे । लेकिन दुर्भाग्य से आर्थिक गुनाहगारों को क्षमा करने की वर्तमान सरकार की परम्परा में अजिताभ बच्चन को क्षमादान देना, इसकी एक और कड़ी है । महोदया, अधिकारियों के कड़े विरोध के बावजूद भी यह क्षमादान हुआ । इसमें यह स्पष्ट है कि अति उच्च पद पर बैठे अजिताभ के मित्रों की सहायता के बिना यह संभव कभी नहीं हो पाता । इसलिये मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि सरकार इस क्षमा

[श्री प्रमोद महाजन]

दान को माफ करके अजिताभ बच्चन पर लगाये हुए आरोपों की तुरन्त जांच करें और दोषी पाये जाने पर कड़ी से कड़ी कार्यवाही करके सजा दे ।

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, we have already heard it in English.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He wants to associate himself with that.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: It is a very poor translation.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now further discussion on the Resolution...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam, my name is there. I have been permitted by the Chairman.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, your name is not there.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The Chairman has permitted me. It is mentioned here "two minutes".

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): How can he come up to the podium and speak from there? This is an insult to the House.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: This is Chairman's order.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, you should disallow this.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): How can the Deputy Chairman rule out the Chairman?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is the fault of the Secretary-General that way.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, it is against the conduct of the House. He should not have came to the podium. Never should a Member come to your seat and speak from there.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Why your Members are also going there. You stop them.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Kulkarni went there, Mr. Sukul went there yesterday.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: You can speak from your seat. Why do you go to the podium?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order please. Secretary-General tells me that the Chairman has permitted you for two minutes. But Mr. Dipen Ghosh, you should have come to me before.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: How could I? He told me; you were not in the Chair at that time.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Why are you talking so loudly?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He always talks loudly.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): He thinks loudly.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Others can also do that. That is why I say, please do not do that. What I am saying is that the Secretary-General has just now told me. When you came to me, I was not knowing that. He has told me that the Chairman has permitted you. But while Mr. Jaswant Singh and Mr. Pramod Mahajan were making their Special Mention, if only you had passed this on to me, I would have called you immediately after them.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: He is at fault.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam Deputy Chairman, while associating myself with the Special Mention made by my learned colleague, Shri Jaswant Singh, just now, I would like to point out two or three points.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Only two minutes have been granted to you. After two minutes, I will ring the bell.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: One point is, Government of India and for that matter the Minister of State for Finance at that time, had declared on the floor of the House that an enquiry or investigation was going on on the charge of FERA violations by Mr. Ajitabh Bachchan. Today, in the newspaper it has been published that that charge has been withdrawn or dropped but, as a Member of Parliament am entitled to know from the Government, before I come to know of it through a newspaper, what exactly has been the decision taken by the Government on this matter. This is my right. If the Government has taken a decision as has been published in *The Statesman* today, Parliament is in session and so Government should have first of all come to Parliament and said it in the shape of a statement as it came earlier in the shape of a statement. So, I would demand of the Government of India to make a statement on this issue so that we can have the right to seek clarifications and other points of information.

Madam the second point is, it was I who raised this question at a point of time, when the Bachchan brothers were holidaying with the Prime Minister at Lakshadweep, as to what message was sought to be sent to the Finance Ministry or to the investigating agency by the Prime Minister holidaying with those against whom an investigation was going on. Now the apprehension has come out to the true, that this was the way the Prime Minister was taking the law for a ride that he allowed.... (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Madam, he is saying that the Prime Minister was taking the law for a ride. It is not proper to level baseless allegations ...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Such an accusation should not be there.

...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I am not casting any aspersion.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: It is a wild allegation.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: This is the rule of the country, this is the procedure followed in the Government of India, that with a person who is under investigation, a Government official or a Minister should not maintain any connection or relationship. But the Prime Minister himself had a holiday with the Bachchans.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your time is over. Shri V. B. Gupta.

...(*Interruptions*)...

Remembering Nagasaki

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA (Delhi): Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to draw your kind attention and, through you, the attention of this august House to the special significance of today. While it is the 9th of August, which is a great day in the history of India as was mentioned by the honourable Chairman, it also happens to be the day on which an atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki.

Madam, you would remember that it was on the 6th of August that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, and the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki and thousands of people lost their lives as a result of this nuclear bomb. I would like to bring to your notice that the world is facing great danger from nuclear proliferation and militarization by nuclear weapons, and it is on a day like this, when thousands of people had lost their lives because of a nuclear bomb, that we should remember that we should not try to push the world towards a nuclear holocaust and every effort should be made by all the parliamentarians, all the thinking people and all the nations to see that this kind of a thing does not happen again. Once more I would like to send our sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives in this nuclear explosion which was the first of its kind and which has changed the world from a non-nuclear world to a nuclear world.

Madam, the Super Powers have made some effort in trying to reduce the nu-